



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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SENATE RESOLUTION

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE DREAM CENTER ESTABLISHMENT

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

FEBRUARY, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR ZENTENO

A RESOLUTION

Dream Center

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges serves various student populations, including serving DACA Recipients according to KFF.org “As of December 31, 2022, there were roughly 580,000 active DACA recipients in the U.S. Over one in four (28%) active DACA recipients reside in California”. and according to CalMatters “California has the largest population of undocumented college students, roughly 83,000 people”.

WHEREAS, Dream Centers have proven to be successful in providing service to support undocumented students, as well as fostering an environment full of inclusivity, while addressing needs and concerns of students who are DACA or Undocumented affiliated.

WHEREAS, carrying out and executing a Dream Center aligns with values such as diversity, and inclusion, promoting equal access to education for all students regardless of their immigration status

WHEREAS, undocumented and DACA students come across multiple barriers such as financial difficulties, limited access to legal resources, and lack of awareness regarding available support services.

WHEREAS, Dream Centers will serve as a designated location for undocumented and DACA students to have a designated place to collaborate and meet each other as well as a center

WHEREAS, students can have a safe haven, holding workshops, on applying for jobs, internships, breaking false media also understanding the difference between DACA students' opportunities and

WHEREAS, undocumented students' opportunities, scholarships + grants provided by the state Dreamers and undocumented students can apply to.

WHEREAS, with the goal of promoting educational success, retention, and persistence for students to continue their academic journey post - community college (4 years, certificate, etc).

WHEREAS, creating a Dream Center through-out California Community College's would benefit by receiving a mass amount of enrollment as DACA and undocumented students will feel they have resources to help them succeed in their academic endeavors. Studies show from Higher Ed Immigration Portal states in California their being 38,383 DACA-Eligible Students in higher education, and 14,000 undocumented Students Graduating High School Each Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that California Community Colleges establish and implement Dream Centers throughout California Community College system to enhance the support services available to undocumented students.